

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A novelty confectionary device comprising in combination:
 - a hollow casing having an upper end and a lower end;
 - an opening in the upper end;
 - ~~the opening in the upper end having a pre-selected size and configuration;~~
 - an opening in the lower end;
 - ~~the opening in the lower end having a pre-determined size and configuration;~~
 - ~~the pre-selected size and configuration fitting into, and passing through the opening of the pre-determined size and configuration;~~
 - ~~the casing having an opening of the pre-determined size and configuration extending from the opening in the lower end to the opening in the upper end;~~
 - a plurality of individually consumable separable candy modules carried stacked in the casing;

- each of the candy modules including a base, that is not consumable;
 - the base having an outer periphery ~~generally fitting into, and passing through the opening of the pre-determined size and configuration~~ of the lower end, and into the hollow casing;
 - the base ~~being of a fixed overall size and configuration~~ not fitting entirely into a standard choke gauge;
 - the base having an upper section and a lower section;
 - each of the candy modules including an entirely consumable candy piece mounted on the upper section of a respective base;
and
 - the candy piece having an outer periphery ~~generally fitting into, and passing through the~~ opening in the lower end, the hollow casing and the opening of the pre-selected size and configuration ~~of in~~ the upper end.
2. (Canceled) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 1 in which the upper section of the base includes an anchoring component for the candy piece.
3. (Canceled) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 2 in which the anchoring component is integrally formed as part of the base.

4. (Currently amended) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 2 1 in which the ~~anchoring component comprises~~ base includes a post for anchoring the consumable candy piece on the base of the module .
5. (Original) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 4 in which the post is elongated along an axis and has at least one transverse, external, enlarged projection.
6. (Original) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 4 in which the post is elongated along an axis and has at least one axially extending, external rib along at part of the elongated post.
7. (Original) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 1 including a removable cap that fits over the upper end of the casing and covers any exposed portion of a candy piece.
8. (Original) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 7 in which the casing and the cap are configured for the cap to be frictionally engaged about the upper end of the casing.
9. (Original) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 7 in which the cap is made of a translucent or transparent plastic.
10. (Original) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 1 in which the casing is made of a translucent or transparent plastic.
11. (Original) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 1 in which the upper section of the base tapers upwardly to a smaller size.

12. (Currently amended) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 1 in which:
- the lower section of the base has a bottom;
 - the base has a cavity that extends upwardly from the bottom of the lower section of the base ~~into the base~~; and
 - at least a portion of the candy piece of another candy module is nestable in the cavity.
13. (Original) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 12 in which candy modules are nestable, and frictionally engage each other, to form a connected stack of candy modules.
14. (Original) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 1 in which the casing has a length, and has at least one rib extending into the opening of the casing along at some of the length of casing.
15. (Currently amended) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 1 in which the ~~pre-selected configuration and the pre-determined configuration~~ the opening in the lower end and the opening in the upper end are circular.
16. (Currently amended) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 1 in which the ~~pre-selected size of the opening in the lower end and the size of the opening in the upper end and configuration~~ are the same ~~as the pre-determined size and configuration~~.
17. (New) A novelty confectionary device comprising in combination:

- a hollow casing having an upper end and a lower end;
- an opening in the upper end;
- an opening in the lower end;
- a plurality of separable candy modules carried stacked in the casing;
- each of the candy modules including a base, that is not consumable;
- the base having an outer periphery passing through the opening of the lower end, and into the hollow casing;
- each of the candy modules including an entirely consumable candy piece mounted on the upper section of a respective base;
- the candy piece having an outer periphery passing through the opening in the lower end, the hollow casing and the opening in the upper end; and
- the base of the module of the consumed candy piece passing through the opening in the lower end and into the casing at the bottom of the stack of the remaining candy modules for exposing the uppermost consumable candy piece through the opening in the upper end for consumption.

18. (New) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 17 including a post extending upwardly from the base for anchoring the candy piece on the base of the module.

19. (New) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 18 in which the post is elongated along an axis and has at least one transverse, external, enlarged projection.
20. (New) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 18 in which the post is elongated along an axis and has at least one axially extending, external rib along at part of the elongated post.
21. (New) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 17 in which candy modules are nestable, and frictionally engage each other, to form a connected stack of candy modules.
22. (New) The novelty confectionary device of Claim 17 in which the casing has a length, and has at least one rib extending into the opening of the casing along at some of the length of casing.